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FINAL AGENDA WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

State Capitol, Room 172
Sept. 10-11, 2012

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Sept. 10, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Hamlett
- Roll Call
 - Approval of minutes
- 12:35 p.m. **Numeric Nutrient Standards Report** (75-5-313, MCA)
- George Mathieus, DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 12:45 p.m.. **Water Right Adjudication Update**
- DNRC - Mary Sexton, Director
 - Montana Water Court - Judge Loble
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:00 p.m. **Water Adjudication Advisory Committee** - Exempt from filing claims
- Overview of Committee work -- Judge Loble
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:20 p.m. **Rule Review**
- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 1:30 p.m. **LC8010 - Avulsion**
- Overview -- Helen Thigpen, staff attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any
- 2:00 p.m. **Break**

- 2:15 p.m. **Exempt Well Study**
- Overview of report, LC8011 & LC8012 -- Joe Kolman, staff
 - Overview of other proposals
 - Sen. Hamlett - Define combined appropriation
 - Sen. Vincent - Establish stream depletion zones
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - Instructions to staff

4:00 p.m. **Break**

- 4:10 p.m. **Ground Water Investigation Program Projects**
- John Wheaton
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC

Recess for the day

Reconvene September 11

- 8:30 a.m. **Columbia River Treaty – update**
- Lauren Casey, staff, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:00 a.m. **St. Mary Rehabilitation Project – update**
- Tim Davis, DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:15 a.m. **Clark Fork Task Force Report – update**
- Sen. Verdell Jackson, chairman
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

- 9:30 a.m. **Reserved Water Right Compact Commission – update**
- Bill Schultz, commission administrator
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, and action, if any

9:50 a.m.. **Break**

- 10:00 a.m. **Exempt Well Study**
- Committee questions and discussion
 - Public comment
 - Committee action on bill drafts
 - Committee action on report

Other business

Administrative matters

Instructions to staff

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Adjourn

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